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LEGAL NOTICE

Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact
Dorset Peru Integrated Resource Project
Environmental Assessment

USDA Forest Service; Green Mountain National Forest Manchester Ranger District

William F. Jackson, District Ranger for the Manchester Ranger Districts, has made a decision to select Alternative B for the Dorset Peru Integrated Resource Project (Dorset Peru Project). The project is located in on the Manchester Ranger District, Green Mountain National Forest primarily in the Towns of Dorset, Manchester, Peru and Winhall in Bennington County, VT. The Dorset Peru Project includes management activities to improve wildlife and fish habitat, enhance forest health, provide timber products, control non-native invasive plants, restore soil and water conditions, increase recreation and scenery viewing opportunities, address travel system needs (trails and roads), and protect or enhance heritage resource sites.

To obtain a copy of the Dorset Peru Project Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact document or to request additional information regarding this decision contact Melissa Reichert, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 231 N. Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 747-6754 or email at mmreichert@fs.fed.us.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11 under the Notice, Comment, and Appeal Procedures for National Forest System Projects and Activities dated June 4, 2003. Only those individuals or organizations who submitted comments during the formal 30-day notice and comment period for the Dorset Peru Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment that ran from August 14 to September 12, 2012 may appeal this decision.

A written notice of appeal must be submitted within 45 calendar days beginning the day after the legal notice for this decision is published in the *Rutland Herald*. However, when the 45-day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, then filing time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day. The date of the publication of the legal notice is the only means for calculating the date by which appeals must be submitted; do not rely upon any other source for this information.

The Notice of Appeal must be sent to: Appeals Deciding Officer, Colleen Madrid ATTN: Appeals & Litigation USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region 626 E. Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202-4616

Appeal notices may also be emailed to: appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us with a Subject Header of: Dorset Peru Project. Electronic appeals should be in TXT, RTF, DOC, DOCX, PDF or other Microsoft Office-compatible formats. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way

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to provide verification. Appeal notices may also be faxed to: 414-944-3963 ATTN: Appeal Deciding Officer (Colleen Madrid), USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region. Hand-delivered appeals must be delivered during normal business hours of 7:30 am to 4:00 pm (Central Daylight Time), Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14(b).

If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, five (5) business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for fifteen (15) days following the date of appeal disposition.